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**OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS' STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF  
RAISED BILL No. 6293  
AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS UNDER THE  
CODE OF ETHICS**

The Office of State Ethics ("OSE") supports passage of Raised Bill No. 6293, and respectfully requests that the following comments be considered.

The OSE supports section 1 of Raised Bill No. 6293, which proposes to expand the Statement of Financial Interests ("SFI") filing requirements to individuals who have significant decision-making or influential authority and are not currently required to file the SFIs. The purposes of the SFI are two-fold: (1) to help the filer identify any conflicts of interest he/she may have and (2) to allow the public to review all relevant information about those who make government decisions. This bill would expand the list of required SFI filers by adding division heads, professional employees of the legislative branch, including chiefs of staff, committee administrators, research and fiscal analysts, any state employee whose responsibilities include participating in the award of contracts for goods or services valued at \$10,000 or more, and the Governor's and Lt. Governor's chiefs of staff.

The OSE is also supportive of the proposal to require individuals who have the responsibility to award state contracts and evaluate contractor performance to file the SFIs. Under section 1 of Raised Bill No. 6293, members of the Contracting Standards Advisory Council, members of the Vendor and Citizen Advisory Panel, all agency procurement officers, members and employees of the State Properties Review Board, and employees of the Department of Public Works' unit that is responsible for acquisition, leasing and selling of real property would be required to file SFIs.

Finally, the OSE supports section 2 of Raised Bill No. 6293, which amends section 4b-4 of the general statutes to conform the filing of SFIs by members and employees of the State Properties Review Board, and employees of the Department of Public Works' unit that is responsible for acquisition, leasing and selling of real property with the requirements of section 1-83 (a) (1) of the general statutes.

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